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SIGNATURES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Drawings:

In Fig. 5, change "records?" to --vectors?-- at the place indicated in red ink in decision block 60 on the enclosed photocopy of Fig. 5.

In Fig. 6, add reference numerals 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, and 82 at the places indicated in red ink on the enclosed photocopy of Fig. 6.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, after the title of the application insert:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC § 371 from International Application PCT/IL98/00342, with an international filing date of July 23, 1998, which derives priority from Israel Application No. 121389, filed July 24, 1997.--

Page 3, line 16, change "one" to --an alternative--.

Page 6, line 24, change "this" to --these--; and change "The" to --Referring now to Fig. 3, the--.

Page 6, line 25, change "the" to --a--.

Page 7, line 26, change "Fig. 3" to --Fig. 4--.

Page 8, line 7, change "Fig. 4" to --Fig. 5--.

Page 8, line 26, change "(Fig. 3)" to --(Fig. 4)--.